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Application of: Lukas *et al.*

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
OPTIMIZING A PRODUCT
CONFIGURATION

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8760-021-999

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 15, 2000, Applicants submit the following documents to complete the filing for the above-identified application:

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;
2. Return copy of the Notice to file Missing parts of Application - Filing Date Granted mailed May 15, 2000; and
3. Petition for Extension of Time (1 month) until August 15, 2000.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150:

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| 1. The statutory basic filing fee (Small Entity) | \$ 690.00 |
| 2. Additional Claim fee (16 additional dependent claims) | 288.00 |
| 2. Surcharge Fee for filing declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application. | <u>\$ 130.00</u> |

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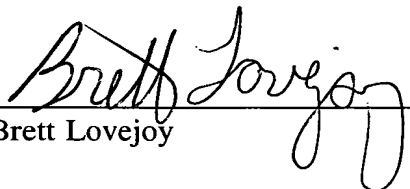
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper communication or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

The documents submitted complete the filing of the above patent application and justify the filing date of March 3, 2000. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$288.
 ■ \$288 for 16 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1108.

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